



## Quality of Life -

### Homeless Services

#### **SHELTER, Inc. and City to partner for Fairfield Eviction Prevention**

The City is pleased to begin working with SHELTER, Inc. to provide direct assistance for Fairfield residents in need. Utilizing various resources, SHELTER, Inc. will assist Fairfield residents with eviction prevention, preventing Fairfield residents from becoming homeless.



Eviction prevention programs typically provide short-term assistance that allows a household to maintain their housing during a difficult period. The Homeless Services Division and Housing Services worked closely to form this much needed partnership with SHELTER, Inc. to provide these essential services during these difficult times.

#### **BayNorth Project Update**

The City's COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Project at BayNorth Church offers temporary emergency shelter and essential services for up to 50 high-risk Fairfield homeless individuals to further prevent the potential spread of COVID-19. From 10/1-10/7, the City's HIT contacted 96 homeless individuals to perform eligibility screenings for the program, of which 51 were offered services and referred to the program. The program is currently serving 16 active participants. The shelter continues to be under-capacity due to unwilling eligible participants who do not want to enter the program.

Life skill classes continue to be offered to participants. Such classes include typing, mediation, socialization, financial management, and job search classes via Zoom. Through their job search, staff has successfully gotten one participant employed. BayNorth staff is pleased to announce that current participants in the program are developing a stable routine.

The Homeless Services Division is now working with the County's Housing and Homeless Services Division to assist existing Fairfield homeless currently being case managed by the County to access the program, so they are safely sheltered.





## Quality of Life (Continued) -

### City to assist CAP Solano JPA apply for ESG-CV Round 2 Funds

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program with funding to address homelessness received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



On October 2, HCD released the ESG Coronavirus Round 2 Allocation (ESG-CV-2) to be distributed to local Continuum of Cares to support rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, and other services to address homelessness throughout the State. Solano County's ESG-CV-2 allocation is \$3,612,900. Since Fairfield's representative on the Community Action Partnership Solano, Joint Powers Authority (CAP Solano) serves as Chair this year, the City's Homeless Services Division will assist in applying for these funds to serve those most in need and to progress racial equity in the homeless response system for the region.

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### Safe Parking program in development

Homeless Services is developing a Safe Parking program that will offer individuals and families who are currently living out of their vehicles a temporary, overnight, and secure location to park while providing services that will help them transition into a more stable environment. Through their research, Homeless Services staff understands that the most successful safe parking programs are tied to supportive services such as case managers and housing specialists to help homeless participants find stable housing.



The programs are run through the lens that safe parking programs are not encampments, but a safe place to park while homeless individuals and/or families are working toward permanent housing. Homeless Services is working with the Quality of Life Task Force and the Homeless Intervention Team (HIT) to collaboratively identify how the program should be tailored to meet the needs of Fairfield homeless, identify resources such as site control, funding, and services the City will need to secure to implement the program, all while limiting impacts on the surrounding community.



## Parks & Recreation -

### NEW PROGRAM! FISHING 101

The Parks and Recreation Department is proud to introduce a new program for community members ages 12 and older. Fishing 101 is an introductory course designed to provide participants basic knowledge of fishing.

Topics to be covered include:

- Education on laws and regulations
- Promoting local waterways and fisheries
- Understanding of necessary equipment
- Identifying common local fish
- Practice tying knots and casting lines

At the conclusion of the course, participants will have knowledge, information, and resources to help guide their future fishing journeys.

Fishing 101 is set to begin on Friday October 23 at the Fairfield Community Center in Lakeside A. Pre-registration is required and there is a general fee of \$20 per participant. Guests may purchase the necessary materials for the class on their own, or there is a \$50 registration fee that will get you all the needed materials as well as your registration fee into the class. Participants may register online at [www.fairfield.ca.gov/recreg](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/recreg) or they may call (707) 428 – 7435 for more information.



### NEW VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES: QIGONG



The Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department will soon offer Qigong virtually on Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Below is a short bio of the instructor for the class – Nancy Chang:

*"I was exposed to Qigong at an early age, watching my parents' practice on a daily basis. Growing up in New York City Chinatown, it was a daily ritual with many of the older residents who lived in my community. I studied dance in college, and during my study abroad in China, I sought Qigong masters to study with. It is truly a passion of mine to help others and enhance their physical and mental well-being."*

Virtual Qigong will be offered every Wednesday, virtually, from October 21 - November 11. Pre-registration is required and the class is \$50 per participant. Please call (707) 428 – 7435 for more information, or register online at [www.fairfield.ca.gov/recreg](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/recreg)



## Community & Economic Development -

### Habitat for Humanity

Staff met this week with Habitat for Humanity of Solano and Napa Counties. The organization has interest in projects in Fairfield to help support our affordable housing development needs. The Housing Authority is looking to work with Habitat to provide developable land for construction of three single-family residential units on Woolner Drive. The City currently owns the land, and pursuant to State law, must first transfer the land to the Housing Authority. Staff will bring the action to City Council on October 20 to consider authorizing the transfer, and if approved, then to the Housing Authority on November 17 to consider the Habitat project.



### Auto Mall Update

Staff is working with two prospective auto dealers interested in spaces in the Auto Mall. One is a new development project of a vacant parcel for an automotive brand that has not previously been in Fairfield. The project has various constraints and staff is doing everything possible to make the project feasible for the developer/dealer. Additionally, we were contacted by a large regional dealership group who is beginning due diligence on filling the former Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep property. The brand is unknown at this time but is believed to be a brand that previously had a presence in Fairfield. Both projects are a high priority for the Economic Development team as the sales tax revenue derived from new auto dealerships can help the City's finances recover faster from the COVID recession.

### Heart of Fairfield Update

Staff continue to advance a variety of projects for the Heart of Fairfield. One such effort is the reestablishment of the former Business Watch Program. Similar to Neighborhood Watch programs, Business Watch will help to organize downtown businesses to provide eyes and ears for greater neighborhood safety.



Planning and Police staff will begin making contact with business and property owners next week to pass out information and identify a date for a COVID safe group meeting in November to begin forming the group and setting expectations. Our goal is to bolster the partnership amongst downtown business owners and provide a better connection with City services.

Economic Development and Housing staff are working together on advancing a development project for the City-owned former Sem Yeto school site. Preliminary site planning found that 44 townhomes are able to be placed on the site while leaving ample open space and parking. Intended as for-sale housing, the development will help to increase property values in the neighborhood, provide for an increase in density to 20-units per acre, and commence City efforts at entrepreneurial reinvestment in downtown. Staff's goal is to bring the project to the City Council in November for preliminary consideration.





## Community & Economic Development (Continued) -

### Building Safety Division Update

During this last week, the Building Safety Division, in coordination with Planning, Fire, and Public Works, have been reviewing a 4-story, 190-unit apartment complex under the City's newly adopted PASS program. Our promised date of completed review for this project was 10 calendar days from the date of submittal, with the due date of October 9, 2020. We are excited to announce that all departments are on track to complete their reviews by no later than October 9, 2020. These timelines will help ensure this needed housing project meets its required deadlines for funding and guarantee this is another successful project for the City.



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## Public Safety -

### Operations Division



#### **Patrol Bureau**

On the evening of October 1, Officer Barker was patrolling the East PSA when he observed a vehicle swerving on the roadway. The vehicle also had false registration tabs and expired registration from January. Officer Barker contacted the driver, who was on probation for possession of drugs. The driver told Officer Barker there were drugs and a firearm in the vehicle. Officer Barker safely removed the driver from the vehicle and suspected he was driving under the influence of alcohol. DUI Officer Parodi responded and conducted an investigation. Clarence Johnson, a 55 year-old male from Suisun, was arrested for possession of a loaded/concealed Glock 9mm handgun with an obliterated serial number, possession of methamphetamine, and DUI among other charges.





## Public Safety (Continued) -



### Strike Team Deployment

Engine 335 returned home last Wednesday from the Glass Fire in Napa/Sonoma County. After two weeks, a crew rotation occurred with Engine 341 also at the Glass fire. All members who returned home are doing well and happy to be home. The Glass Fire has burned 67,420 acres and is 66 percent contained.

Fire Engineer Jeremy Ellison returned home from the Castle Fire in Tulare County as a Fire Line Paramedic. The Castle fire, as part of a Lightening Complex, has burned 162,952 acres and is 65 percent contained.



### Brush Fire

On Wednesday, Fairfield Firefighters responded to a first alarm homeless encampment / brush fire. This fire burned approximately 1 1/2 half acres of grass on Beck Ave at Hwy 12. No structures were damaged and no injuries were reported. The exact cause of the fire is under investigation.



## Organizational Stability -

### Annual Financial Audit

The City's Auditors, Eide Bailly, will begin their annual fieldwork audit of the City's financials at the end of the month. The audit will involve a review of the City's financial statements in accordance with the standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The auditors will also review the City's internal controls and provide feedback as to their effectiveness and suggestions for improvement, if applicable.





## Infrastructure -

### Planned Improvements at the Allan Witt Community Park and Sports Center

Big changes are happening at Allan Witt Community Park. The contractor, R+R Pacific Construction, mobilized to the site in September. You may have noticed construction equipment and fencing and construction signage going up around the Skate Park and future dog park. The contractor has begun demolition activities to prepare the sites for the incoming improvements. Construction is anticipated to be complete in Spring of 2021. Stay up to date on the construction activities by subscribe to the project webpage [www.fairfield.ca.gov/allanwitt](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/allanwitt)



### North Bay Regional Water Treatment Plant System Improvements

The North Bay Regional Water Treatment Plant ozone equipment and power supply units, which have been in operation since 1991, were recently replaced with state of the art ozone generators. Staff estimates an **annual savings of \$35,000 in operation cost** due to upgraded equipment efficiency from reducing electricity consumption and liquid oxygen supply demand for ozone production. The ozone generators will be switched on for testing and calibration in October when the water cooling system, utilized to regulate the generators temperature, is installed. The project is anticipated to be completed and fully operational by November 2020.

